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Applicant(s): Rudolf Neumann      Examiner: Justin Mitchell Krause

Application 10/790,551      Confirmation 9716

Filed: March 1, 2004      Group Art 3682

For: **NEW SHIELD AND SEALING METHOD FOR A HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Restriction Requirement of March 20, 2006 for the above-identified patent application.

**FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS**

A fee for additional claims is not required.  
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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	14	- 16	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims	2	- 3	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00

**TOTAL = \$0.00**

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EXTENSION FEE

The following extension fee is applicable to the Reply filed herewith: \$XXX extension fee for response within XXX month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

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Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF MARCH 20, 2006**

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of March 20, 2006, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on April 20, 2006. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Receipt is acknowledged of the Restriction Requirement of March 20, 2006.

Applicant was required to elect between the inventions identified by the Examiner as Group I (Claims 1-14) and Group II (Claims 15-16).

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I (Claims 1-14) without traverse.

Should the requirement for restriction be made final, the Examiner is respectfully requested to state on the record that the claims in each group are patentable (novel and nonobvious) over each other.

The Examiner is urged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel at the number noted below if it will advance the prosecution of this application, or with any suggestion to resolve any condition that would impede allowance. In the event that any extension of time is required, Applicant petitions for that extension of time required to make this response timely. Kindly charge any additional fee, or credit any surplus, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 057517-45.

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